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Chairman Tom Wheeler
Federal Communications Commission
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Dear Chairman Wheeler:

I am writing to ask that every due consideration be given to Quincy Incorporated's waiver of the recent rule change on joint sales and shared service agreements as it relates to their pending acquisition of several stations, including the NBC station in Peoria. Please note their filing predates the rule change at the meeting on March 31 and that of the stations being bought, 3 have existing agreements with other stations in the market.

Quincy Incorporated is a sixth generation family company with an extremely strong commitment to public service on air and to the communities they serve. I know the Oakley family personally and can attest to their commitment to their home community of Quincy, Illinois.

Should you have any questions on this matter, please feel free to contact me.

Sincerely,



JOHN SHIMKUS
Member of Congress

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June 13, 2014

The Honorable John Shimkus
U.S. House of Representatives
2452 Rayburn House Office Building
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Dear Congressman Shimkus:

Thank you for your letter regarding the pending license transfer applications involving Quincy Incorporated. I appreciate the opportunity to provide you with a status update.

The underlying applications were accepted for filing in the Commission's Media Bureau on February 24, 2014. The Applicants have been working with the Bureau staff to provide additional information to amend the applications. At this point, there have not been any formal waiver requests filed by the Applicants in response to the March 31 Commission decision to attribute TV Joint Sales Agreements (JSAs) where one station sells more than 15% of the weekly advertising time on behalf of another station in the same market.

As you may know, the Media Bureau released a Public Notice on March 12, 2014, providing additional guidance to stations with pending applications that involve various sharing and financial agreements. The Bureau noted, in its December 2013 *Order* approving the Gannett-Belo applications, that transactions are reviewed on a case-by-case basis, taking into consideration, "the economic effects of, and incentives created by, a proposed transaction taken as a whole and its consistency with the Commission's policies under the Act, including our policies in favor of competition, diversity, and localism." *Shareholders of Belo Corp.*, Memorandum Opinion and Order, DA 13-2423 (MB rel. Dec. 20, 2013), at ¶ 30.

I had the pleasure of meeting with Ralph Oakley, President and CEO of Quincy Newspapers, Inc. at the end of last month and discussed the pending transaction in some detail. Please be assured that the Bureau staff will review the Quincy applications and any related information carefully. Once all of the required information has been received and evaluated, the Bureau will quickly act on this matter. Additionally, if the Applicants decide to apply for a waiver of the TV JSA rule, the Bureau staff will review such a request on an expedited basis within 90 days of the closing of the record.

I hope this information is helpful.

Sincerely,

Tom Wheeler